

## Minutes of January 13, 2016

### Humanists of Minnesota

Attended by: Officers: Audrey Kingstrom (Pres.), Sarah McPherson (Vice-President), Juliet Branca (Secretary)

At-Large Board of Directors: Mark Thoson, Mark Coffey, Suellen Carroll, Rohit Rovidran, Dave Guell Absent: Brad Bolin, Dale Handeen. Guest: Lee Ann Schnieder  
Call to Order (Audrey Kingstrom) – 7:10

#### 1. Housekeeping

The agenda was approved. Minutes approved, corrections made. Treasurer's report: Solstice banquet turned a profit of \$446, dues that came in for December equaled \$1,565 allowing for an operating profit for this fiscal year of \$2,121

Speaker Recruitment: Michael Travisano confirmed that he will be speaking in February to the topic, "Darwin's Time Machine".

Nominating committee and elections process: Dave Guell was appointed chair of the committee along with Suellen and Rohit.

Minnesota Compassionate Care Act

\*motion made that the Humanists of Minnesota support the Compassionate Care Act which supports aid in dying in the state of Minnesota. The motion passed unanimously.

A discussion followed and it was decided that the board, as representatives, can take positions on legislation or issues that align with our values, without asking for membership vote. The board will state reasons for support of an issue and will publish in newsletter and webpage.

Google Drive update: Rohit created a Google Drive folder called HofMN

where we can create appropriate folders to store our documents. We will establish a policy as to how to organize folders and who can access folders.

Bylaws Taskforce update

Committee finished revisions and will ask for a special meeting of the board where Bylaw revisions will be presented.

Coalition of Reasons and Values has temporarily disbanded.

Budget process for 2016-2017

Nancy Sommers and Nick Hayden will join the executive committee to help set priorities and procedures for new budget.

Event leaders (meet-up hosts) meeting: Audrey would like to have a meeting of event leaders and the board to get ideas on best practices, ideas, proposals.

Spring-Summer Outreach opportunities: May Day and Day of Reason are possibilities for this year as well as Juneteenth and Pride Parade. Will decide in future.

Paul Heffron's suggestions to Board

Paul would like us to sponsor a showing of his "Freethought" dvd series. Some ideas: possibly show it at someone's home or a library, could be shown as a 4 part series, 1 hour each. We could have them available at Chapter meetings (with Paul's permission) on the merchandise table for members to borrow.

Paul put out the idea that in the future, as the organization grows, we hire an Executive director.

AHA Conference May 26-29<sup>th</sup>: the meeting is in Chicago this year. Given that it is so close by, we should publicize and try to have a delegation attend.

Board meetings will be changed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays of the month.

Mark Thoson will host the February 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

